

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This preliminary amendment is made to add a reference to the prior PCT application of which this application is the national phase, to add section headings and a brief description of the drawings consistent with US practice, and to place the claims in better form for prosecution in the United States. The cancellation of claims is done without prejudice or disclaimer of any originally claimed subject matter.

No new matter has been added. However, for the Examiner's convenience, the following listing of supporting disclosure is provided.

Claims 121-137 are based upon original claims 1-27 relating to "binding partners."

Claims 138-146 are based upon original claims 28-43, relating to "further binding partners."

Claims 147-149 are based upon original claims 43 and 44, options (i), (iii) and (iv) and claims 45 and 46.

Claims 150-152 are based upon original claims 43 and 44, options (v) and claims 45 and 46.

Claims 153-155 are based on original claims 43 and 44, options (vi) and claims 45 and 46.

Claims 156-161 are based on original claims 47, 49-52 and 56.

Claims 162-167 are based on original claims 48, 49, and 53- 56.

Claims 168-171 are based on original claims 74-76 and 78.

Claim 172 is based on original claim 77.

Claim 173 is based on original claim 92.

Claim 174 is based on original claim 94.

Claims 175 and 176 are based on original claims 96 and 99.

Claims 177 and 178 are based on original claims 98 and 99.

Claims 179-183 are based on original claims 110, and 113-116.

Claims 184-186 are based on original claims 106-109.

Claims 187 is based on original claim 114.

Claims 188 is based on original claim 116

Claims 189-191 are based on original claims 107-109.

Claim 192 is based on original claim 111.

Claim 193 is based on original claim 119.

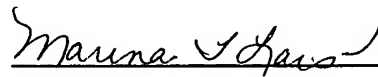
Claim 195 is based on original claim 129.

Claims 196 is based on original claim 57.

Applicants further note that the Summary of the Invention section is based on the amended set of claims provided herein.

The drawing shave been amended to delete those figures that are merely statements of sequences listings without additional information, to add sequence ID numbers to the figures, and to reduce extra text by placing it in the description of the drawings. Figures 3, 3A and 3B have been renumbered as 3A, 3B and 3C. The specification has been amended accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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